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Ron Bartel, Director
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RE: Florida Forever Grant – Killearn Lakes Restoration Project

Mr. Bartel,

On July 20, 2005, Leon County submitted to the District office recommended changes to a draft Agreement in order to proceed with the Project referenced above. A copy of the draft Agreement is attached hereto for your ease of consideration. The County received an e-mail from Paul Thorpe, dated July 27th, indicating that the District was not going to accept the changes proposed by the County. Specifically, there were concerns with changes identifying the Killearn Lakes Homeowners Association (KLHOA) as the Contractor for the construction work associated with the Project with Leon County acting as Grant Coordinator. This letter seeks your reconsideration of this matter.

The grant application specifically states that KLHOA would be the party responsible during the bidding and construction of the Project. The November 8, 2004 submittal to the District states "[t]he KLHOA has a full time staff to oversee and manage the bidding process and oversee/supervise projects throughout construction" and that "Killearn Lakes will assume all responsibility for any project done within its borders and has ample staff and resources to accomplish this". The changes identified in the proposed Agreement between Leon County and the Northwest Florida Water Management District merely acknowledge the homeowners association involvement as the primary contractor and the County as the Grant Coordinator.

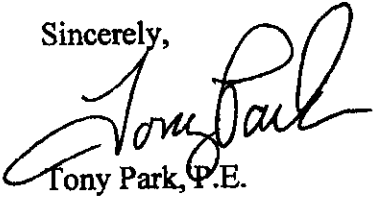
An additional concern was raised by Mr. Thorpe regarding the modified scope of work and the effect this would have on the overall cost of completing the Project. After further review of the economic analysis used to establish preliminary costs, it has been determined that the funds initially proposed would not be sufficient to cover the actual cost of the Project. The proposed changes in the scope of work are to focus the work to meet funding limitations and deadlines.

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The County feels that the revised language in the draft Agreement simply reflects what has been previously stated in the approved grant application. We respectfully request that you to reconsider the County's proposed changes to the contract.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works

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